

FISCAL NOTE
HB 2125 - SB 2157

April 1, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to track the performance of alternative schools based on academic and behavioral indicators and report this to the Department of Education; requires the State Board of Education to ensure greater state and local accountability for the operation of alternative schools; and requires LEAs with the assistance of the State Board of Education to develop transition plans for students moving between alternative and regular schools.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

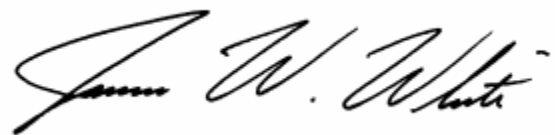
Increase State Expenditures - \$80,700/Dept. of Education
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Department of Education indicates the need for one staff position to monitor, collect, compile data from all LEAs regarding alternative education programs and to provide oversight.
- The cost of one staff position is estimated to be \$73,200 for salary and benefits and \$7,500 for travel expenses.
- Clerical responsibilities can be absorbed by existing staff of the department.
- Any costs to the LEAs to collect and report academic and behavioral data relative to alternative school students is estimated to be not significant.
- In addition, districts often have rudimentary transition plans for students entering or exiting alternative schools. The development of improved plans, if needed, can be achieved within the existing budget.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director